

# City of South Bend

May – June 2021



## Hello Neighbor,

I hope you and your family are well.

We are looking forward to the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. The faster we get vaccinated, the sooner things can return to normal.

Please sign up for the vaccine at [ourshot.in.gov](https://ourshot.in.gov). If you've already been vaccinated, please share your experience with friends, family, and neighbors. Getting the vaccine is easy, safe, effective, and free.

In partnership with the St. Joseph County Health Department, our team in the Department of Innovation & Technology has set up a data hub where you can track the progress of vaccinations in our county. See the hub by visiting [coviddatahub.southbendin.gov](https://coviddatahub.southbendin.gov).

As we head into summer, I'm excited for the start of road construction season and ask for your patience as our team works to make needed improvements to our streets.

The City's *Rebuilding Our Streets Plan*, a 3-year, \$25 million investment to improve the condition of local streets, is now underway. The first year of the Plan involves work on 135 lane miles of streets. Over 115 streets are scheduled this year for work such as milling and asphalt resurfacing, full reconstruction or brick spot repair. Additional streets will see preventative maintenance measures such as crack sealing and microsurfacing. To view the streets scheduled for paving this year, visit [southbendin.gov/2021paving](https://southbendin.gov/2021paving).

The Department of Public Works is now accepting applications for the 2021 Lamppost Lighting Program, which assists homeowners with lighting enhancements in their neighborhoods.

The program offers easy self-install, solar-powered lampposts for residential front yards. The application deadline is June 30. Find out more information about the program and target areas at [southbendin.gov/lamppost](https://southbendin.gov/lamppost).

Thanks for reading, and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Mayor Mueller

## Clerk's Corner

Greetings, South Bend!

Although it seems like summer will never arrive – it's just around the corner!

The City of South Bend has many exciting new projects budding this summer that will further beautify our downtown, parks and neighborhoods. Be mindful of the grass and tall weeds ordinance which sets a nine inch (9") maximum height limit for tall grass and weeds on all lots.

The same regulations apply to vacant/abandoned lots, and the fee for violating this ordinance is \$250.

But, if you notice a nearby vacant lot is neglected—feel free to be a good neighbor by mowing that property without fear of trespassing laws. (Good Samaritan Law -Indiana Code Section 34-30-26-5).

Let's all contribute to keeping South Bend beautiful by ensuring every lot in South Bend is well cared for.

Best,

Dawn M. Jones  
City Clerk

## COVID-19 RESOURCES & SUPPORT

### At-Home Activities & Education

#### South Bend Venues Parks & Arts

Hosting a Virtual Experience on Facebook Every weekday at 12pm. Check it out!

#### St. Joseph County Public Library

574-282-4646 | [sjcpl.org](http://sjcpl.org) | [library@sjcpl.org](mailto:library@sjcpl.org)  
The St. Joseph County Public Library is here to help. All library branches are now open for browsing, with precautions in place to keep patrons safe. Curbside Pick-Up and document delivery continues at all locations. If you do not have a library card, sign up for a

digital SJCPCL card by calling 574-282-4646. Free WiFi is available to the public at all SJCPCL branch parking lots (except Main Library and Keller Park Branch).

### Community Health Support

If you are suffering from symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, please contact your primary care provider.

**Beacon Health System Hotline:** 855-523-2225

**Saint Joseph Health System:** 574-335-8560

**South Bend Clinic:** 574-307-6870

If you do not have a primary care provider, call the

central 211 hotline to be connected with a provider.

#### Health safety tips:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick

### Food Support

#### Grab and Go Meals for SBCSC Students

Food pick up available at rotating sites throughout the school district from 11am–1pm every week day. Find out each location by visiting [sb.school](http://sb.school)

#### Catholic Charities Food Pantry

1817 Miami Street | 574-234-3111  
Pick up every Wednesday, 10am-12pm and 5-7pm

#### Food Bank of Northern Indiana

702 Chapin St.  
Drive-through distribution Mon & Fri, 9am-2pm and Wed, 11am-5pm

#### Purple Porch Co-op At Risk Shopping

123 N Hill St.  
Wed, 8am-10am, only customers over 65 years

#### Kroc Center Food Boxes

900 W Western Ave | 574-233-9471 x 2206  
Pick up Monday and Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

#### La Casa de Amistad

746 Meade St. | [lacasadeamistad.org](http://lacasadeamistad.org)  
Pick up on Wednesdays from 2pm–4:45pm

#### St. Vincent de Paul Food Boxes

[svdpsb.org](http://svdpsb.org) | 520 Crescent Ave  
Drive Through every Tuesday & Thursday from 10am-12pm. Must bring a picture ID.

#### Youth Services Bureau

574-235-5517 | 1330 Lincoln Way E  
To-go lunches and hygiene supplies. Drop-in Center  
Hours 12pm-6pm, Mon–Sat

#### St. Margaret's House

117 N Lafayette  
Pick up Mon through Fri from 12pm-1:30pm

#### Wings Over South Bend

1124 E Angela Blvd  
Free kids meals to any child grades K-12

#### Real Services

574-256-1649 | [realservices.org](http://realservices.org)  
Call for information on Meals on Wheels services

#### Success Academy Students Under 18

3408 Ardmore Trail  
Tues & Thurs from 11am-12pm

### Small Business & Workforce Support

#### Small Business Emergency Assistance Funding

The City is working with community development financial institutions (CDFIs) and local financial institutions to develop resources that will prioritize helping smaller, local businesses, who have not been the main target of other aid packages at the State or Federal level. Learn more at <https://southbendin.gov/initiative/emergency-assistance-funding/>

#### Local Takeout Options

Visit [www.takeoutcovid19.com](http://www.takeoutcovid19.com) to see a list of restaurants serving take-out and delivery.

#### Bartender Emergency Assistance Program

The United States Bartenders Guild is providing emergency assistance grants for bartenders who face severe hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak and closure of bars and restaurants. Click here to find out more and apply.

#### Emergency Tipped and Service Worker Support Fund

One Fair Wage, a campaign to raise the minimum wage, has established a relief fund for Tipped and Service Workers. Click here to find out more.

#### Indiana Small Business Development Center

[www.SBA.gov/disaster](http://www.SBA.gov/disaster)  
Currently accepting applications for Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) assistance.

### Donations & Volunteer Opportunities

#### United Way Response Fund | [uwsjc.org](http://uwsjc.org)

The COVID-19 Response Fund is designed to meet short term, immediate needs, of individuals and families that will be impacted by COVID-19 as well as the long term impacts that have yet to be seen.

United Way will look to a broad network of direct service organizations as well as Indiana 211 to identify critical needs and resource gaps. The fund will be designed to be flexible and get resources to organizations with minimal bureaucracy and appropriate sense of urgency. 501c3 Organizations in St. Joseph County will be eligible to apply.

#### La Casa de Amistad Volunteers

[lacasadeamistad.org](http://lacasadeamistad.org)  
Looking for adult volunteers who are local, healthy, and not part of an at-risk population. Contact Nancy Diaz at [Nancy@lacasadeamistad.org](mailto:Nancy@lacasadeamistad.org). For community volunteers, willing to help with the food pantry, contact Jurek at [jurek@lacasadeamistad.org](mailto:jurek@lacasadeamistad.org).

#### Real Services Volunteer & Donation

[realservices.org](http://realservices.org)  
Real Services is currently accepting new volunteers and donations. Volunteers must undergo a screening process to protect vulnerable clients.

#### Hope Ministries Food Donation

574-235-4150 x 222 | [asilverraven@hopesb.org](mailto:asilverraven@hopesb.org)  
Facebook: @HopeMinistriesSB  
Hope Ministries is accepting food donations and monetary donations to buy food. Donors may also contact Hope staff got a shopping list of needed items.

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County

[svdpsb.org](http://svdpsb.org) | 520 Crescent Ave  
Donations of food can be made from 10am–2 pm, Tuesday through Thursday at 520 Crescent Avenue.

### Housing & Utility Support

#### Utility shutoffs

The City of South Bend announced Immediate Suspension of Water shutoffs on Monday, March 16, 2021. The shutoff moratorium remains in place for Municipal Water customers.

#### Evictions

Consumer Protection Division | 1-800-382-5516  
Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb ordered on March 19 that evictions and foreclosures may not be initiated until Indiana's State of Emergency has terminated.

The Indiana Attorney General's Office has asked Hoosiers to file complaints if evictions or foreclosure proceedings occur during the COVID-19 crisis. Anyone who is unlawfully subjected to such a proceedings should contact the Attorney General's Office's Consumer Protection Division.

#### Catholic Charities Resource & Referral Program

574-234-3111 x 60  
Provides limited financial assistance to help meet basic needs including utility assistance or rental assistance as well as material assistance based upon availability. Assistance by appointment only.

#### Township Assistance

[sjcindiana.com/1615/Townships](http://sjcindiana.com/1615/Townships)  
Township Trustees provide emergency assistance to individuals and families in need who qualify. This can include payment of rent, mortgage, or utilities, as well as burial or funeral costs.